

## APPENDIX 7

### **ETIQUETTE IN EVERY DAY LIFE**

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*Definition of etiquette — practical rules and approaches to social customs that when used in everyday life will demonstrate true love and consideration. They're not just a set of rules or a list of do's and don't's. They are actually a skill — a skill that will help you show respect to all people under all circumstances.*

Scriptures:

**I Peter 3:8** (RSV) *"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one on another. Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous."*

**I Cor. 13:5** *"Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil."*

**Matt. 7:12** *"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."*

**Dan. 1:4** *"Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans."*

#### **I. ETIQUETTE AMONG ROOMMATES**

- A. You spend a lot of time with roommates — charity begins at home..
- B. Pick the right roommates — a good friend is the best way to go as opposed to someone you hardly know.
- C. Good fences make good neighbors — put certain things in writing. Not a legal document. Not something you'll shake in his or her face later, but the shortest pencil is longer than the longest memory.
- D. Recommend that you choose a roommate who is in the Church.
  1. Psa. 133:1
  2. Gal. 6:10
- E. Don't overcrowd an apartment
  1. *Privacy is a problem.*
  2. *Prayer & Bible Study often suffer.*
  3. *More people and a crowded situation causes more friction, annoyances and misunderstandings.*
- F. Neatness and Cleanliness of Your Apartment
  1. *Principle of command to Adam & Eve to dress and keep the garden.*
  2. I Cor. 14:40
  3. John 20:7 *Example of Christ leaving the tomb neat and orderly.*
  4. *Consideration in cleaning up after yourself — the bathroom, dishes, cleaning the broiler or oven if you make a mess, etc..*
  5. *Learn to care for what you have now or how will you care for a city with gold streets? Rev. 21*

## G. Noise

1. *Each person should if possible have his own room.*
2. *Important to control noise because of people praying or studying.*
3. *Respect roommate on Sabbath as far as noise (radio, stereo, t.v.) etc.*
4. *Respect for people who are trying to sleep.*

## H. Paying Bills on Time

1. *Prov. 22:1*
2. *Be responsible for paying your bills promptly.*
3. *Have the right priorities in how you spend your money. Meet your obligations first.*
4. *Being roommates is also a business arrangement.*
5. *Don't abuse friendships.*

## I. Borrowing

1. *Don't borrow without asking first.*
2. *Keep borrowing to a minimum.*
3. *Don't become a "moocher."*
4. *Temporary roommates who stay with people when they're new in town and looking for a job etc. become extended, extended guests. Watch taking advantage of people in this way.*

## J. Communication

1. *Roommate situation is one of the closest relationships before marriage — if you have consistent and multiple problems communicating with roommates, how do you think you'll communicate in marriage.*
2. *Talk over major plans that involve the use of the apartment — parties, entertaining, major decorating, etc..*

**II. DRIVING ETIQUETTE**

- A. Driving carefully & obeying laws.
- B. Responsible for upkeep on your car — poorly maintained vehicle can cause accidents and you are responsible — principle of Ex. 21:28.
- C. Loaning your car — you are responsible in whether you loan the car to a responsible person. Mechanical condition becomes even more important.
- D. If you borrow a car, think about whose responsibility when a car is loaned if there are mechanical problems repairs, etc.
- E. If at all possible, avoid borrowing such an expensive and powerful item as a car.
- F. Keep your car clean — same principles as your apartment.
- G. Matt. 5:16
- H. Use of horn — for a warning only. Don't use it to yell at people or to show your disrespect; many times have a tendency to become impatient with older slower people, Lev. 19:32.
- I. Be considerate of your passengers
  1. *Slower starts and stops*
  2. *Don't take risks or chances*
  3. *Too much air from windows, cold air conditioning, too hot from heater, etc.*
  4. *Noise in car — radio, stereo, rear speakers, etc.*
- J. Passenger should take care of the driver's car; spilling things, etc. Consider driver's preference first in areas of noise — he's responsible for the lives of everyone and must be able to concentrate on what he is doing.

**III. PROMPTNESS**

- A. Part of character and your reputation to be on time.
- B. Promptness at work — morning, lunch, breaks, etc..
- C. Being too early can be almost worse than being late especially in a dinner guest situation.
- D. Multi-million dollar contracts have been lost because of a salesman who was late.

**IV. ETIQUETTE ON THE JOB**

- A. Social life is intricately involved with your job.
- B. The person with an active social life often lets it infringe on his or her performance at work.
- C. You need to be on your job in full capacity — you have contracted with your boss to provide him your full services for 8 hours each day and your social life should not infringe on that. (Example of the secretary who saw Star Wars 5 times))
- D. Build a buffer around your times at work — be 5 minutes early, leave 5 minutes late, etc..
- E. Dress appropriately on your job.

**V. HOSPITALITY**

- A. Important principle of the Bible
- B. Rom 12:13 (Living Bible)
- C. I Pet. 4:9 (Living Bible)
- D. Being friendly and approachable.

**VI. BEING THANKFUL**

- A. Luke 17:11 Only one of the lepers returned to Christ to thank Him for healing him.
- B. Importance of saying thank you and please.

**VII. REACHING OUT**

- A. "Wisdom is the art of knowing what to overlook."
- B. Reach out to a person with your good manners, not expecting him to render the good manners to you first.
- C. It's a matter of giving — helping someone else feel respected etc.
- D. Satan's approach is just the opposite.

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Lyrics of the Song "Someone is Looking for Someone Like You"

**SOMEONE IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU***Composed and sung by Gail Davies*

You say that nobody cares where you're goin'  
 And that your life don't mean nothin' at all.  
 You've heard the sayin' you reap what you're sowin'  
 So plant a good seed and watch it grow tall.

CHORUS:

Somewhere a man's got no woman to turn to;  
 Somewhere a woman is lonely and blue.  
 Somewhere a child's got no mamma to hold her.  
 Someone is looking for someone like you.

You say there's no road that you'd care to travel,  
 Nothin' to say that ain't been said before,  
 And life's a myst'ry that you can't unravel;  
 Well, there's a key that will open that door.

(CHORUS:)

Think of all the time you waste complainin',  
 Think of all the good that could be done.  
 Think of all the friends you could be gainin'  
 If you lift your hand to help someone.

You say that nobody cares where you're goin', etc.

(CHORUS:)